





THIS
BATTLE IS
NOTHING BUT
A LOST CAUSE
THAT WILL
ONLY SERVE
TO BESMIRCH
ROME'S
PRESTIGE.

THERE WILL
BE NONE OF
THE GLORY
OR HONOUR
THAT YOU SO
DESIRE TO BE
FOUND AT THE
END OF THIS
BATTLE.

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CHAPTER 9 BATTLE OF THE TREBIA
- STINGS AND WAR ELEPHANTS





THESE CAVALRYMEN HERE DARE TO SPOUT NONSENSE CLAIMING THAT OUR BATTLE IS ALREADY A LOST CAUSE!

HEAR ME! O MEN OF THE ROMAN INFANTRY!

OUCH...



BE CAREFUL, SCIPIO...



WITHOUT YOUR FATHER HERE, YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THE GRUNTS IN THIS ARMY.



I KNOW THAT IT IS YOU, THE FOOT SOLDIERS THAT ARE THE TRUE FOUNDATION OF THE ROMAN LEGIONS, THAT YOU, THE PLEBIANS, ARE THE TRUE FOUNDATION OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC!

AS A FELLOW PLEBIAN, I AM WELL AWARE OF THE STRENGTH THAT LIES DEEP INSIDE YOU!

...WHAT THE HELL IS HE SAYING.

ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO SIT THERE AND LET THESE COWARDLY PATRICIANS SLANDER YOU AS THEY PLEASE!?

AND RECLAIM ROME FROM THE PATRICIANS BACK TO OUR OWN HANDS, THE PLEBS!

UNLEASH THE STRENGTH YOU HOLD INSIDE YOU!

WE WILL CRUSH THE ENEMY BENEATH US!





HANNIBAL'S ARMY

30 000 INFANTRY
10 000 CAVALRY
NUMEROUS WAR ELEPHANTS

- ① SLINGERS
- ③ WAR ELEPHANTS
- ② INFANTRY
- ④ CAVALRY

THE CARTHAGINIANS HOWEVER, TRADITIONALLY UTILISED MERCENARIES AND WAR ELEPHANTS AS PART OF THEIR WARFARE, A PRACTICE THAT WAS CARRIED ON BY HANNIBAL.

THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HANNIBAL'S ARMY, AND PREVIOUS CARTHAGINIAN FORCES HOWEVER, WAS HIS HEAVY EMPHASIS ON CAVALRY.

FIELDED ON THE TWO WINGS LIKE THE SHARPENED TIPS OF A BLADE, THEIR MOBILITY FORMED THE ESSENTIAL BASIS OF THE ENCIRCLEMENT TACTICS THAT HE SO FAVOURED.

THE ROMAN ARMY'S TACTICS GENERALLY REVOLVED AROUND THEIR INFANTRY THAT SERVED AS THE CENTREPIECE OF THEIR ARMY AS WELL AS THEIR SKIRMISHERS AND JAVELIN THROWERS.

THEIR FORMATION WAS COMPRISED OF THREE BATTLE LINES AND A SCREEN OF SKIRMISHERS, THAT CONSTANTLY ROTATED THE FRONTMOST LINE IN AND OUT.

THIS ALLOWED THEM TO WIN IN TERMS OF ENDURANCE AGAINST THE GAULS, WHO POSSESSED AN ADVANTAGE IN BOTH THEIR PHYSICAL BUILD AND EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH.

THE FACT THAT MOST BATTLES ENDED BEFORE THE REARMOST TRIARII, THE MOST EXPERIENCED SOLDIERS, EVEN GOT TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY, WAS A SIGN OF THE ROMAN LEGION'S STRENGTH.

ROMAN ARMY

36 000 INFANTRY
4000 CAVALRY

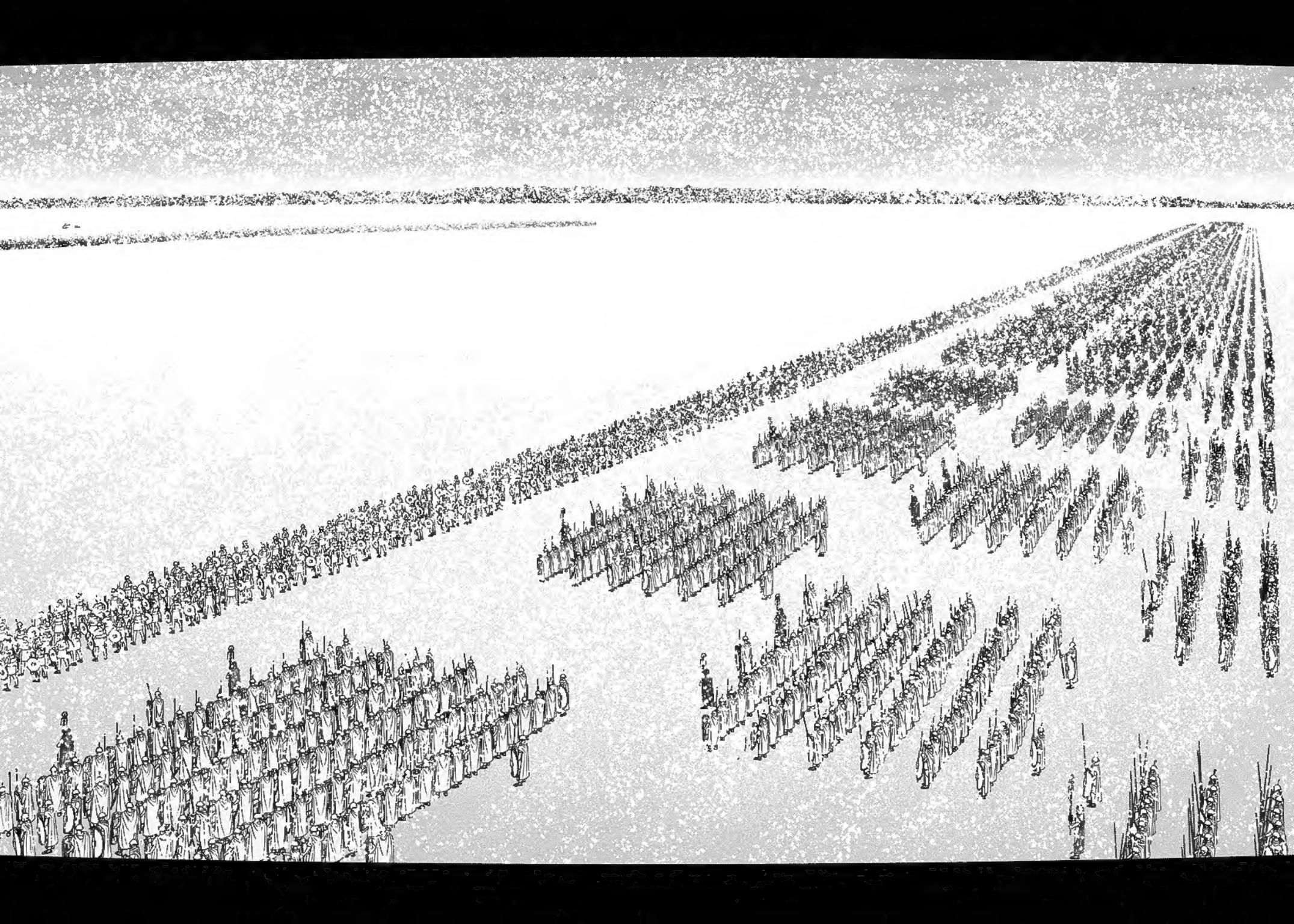
- ① JAVELIN THROWERS
- ③ PRINCIPES
- ② HASTATI
- ④ TRIARII
- ⑤ CAVALRY



* HASTATI FIRST LINE OF BATTLE, MAINLY COMPOSED OF YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED SOLDIERS

PRINCIPES SECOND BATTLE LINE, MEN EXPERIENCED IN BATTLE

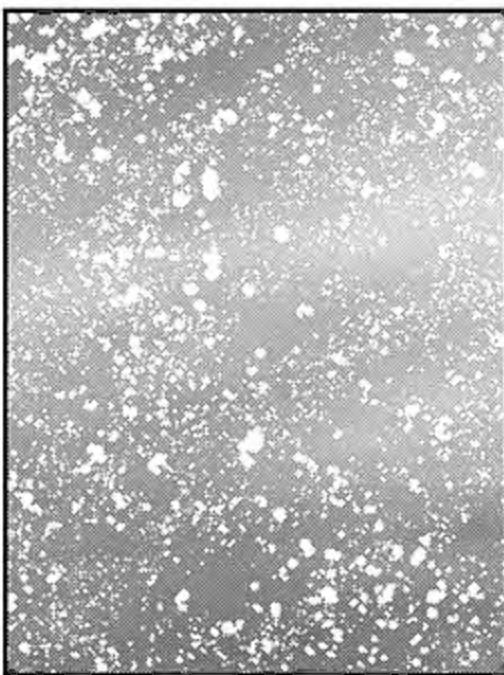
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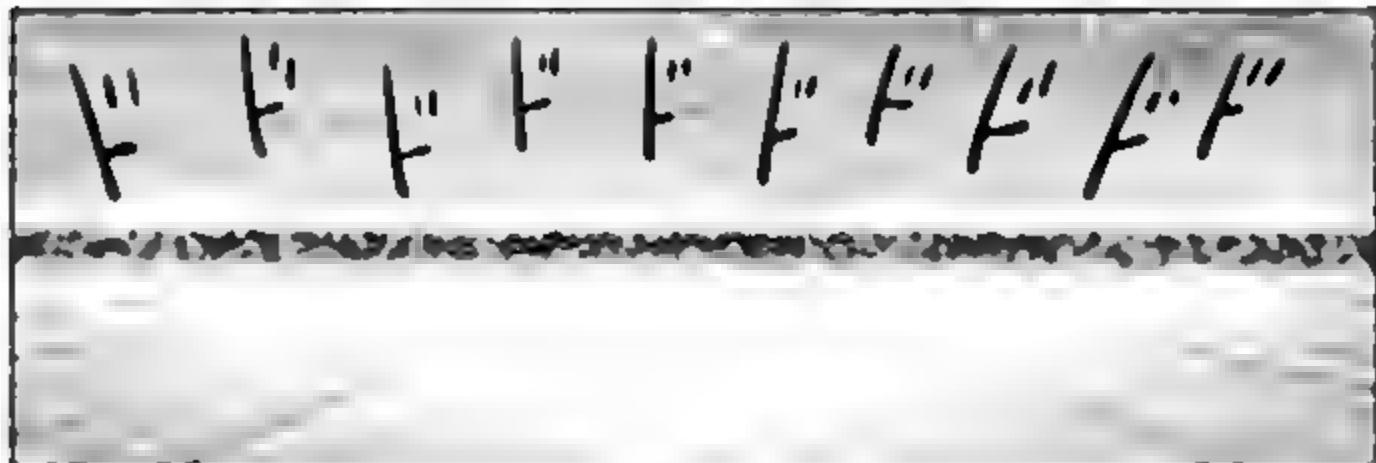


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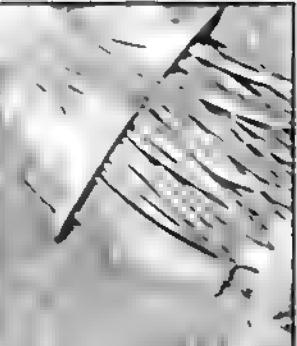




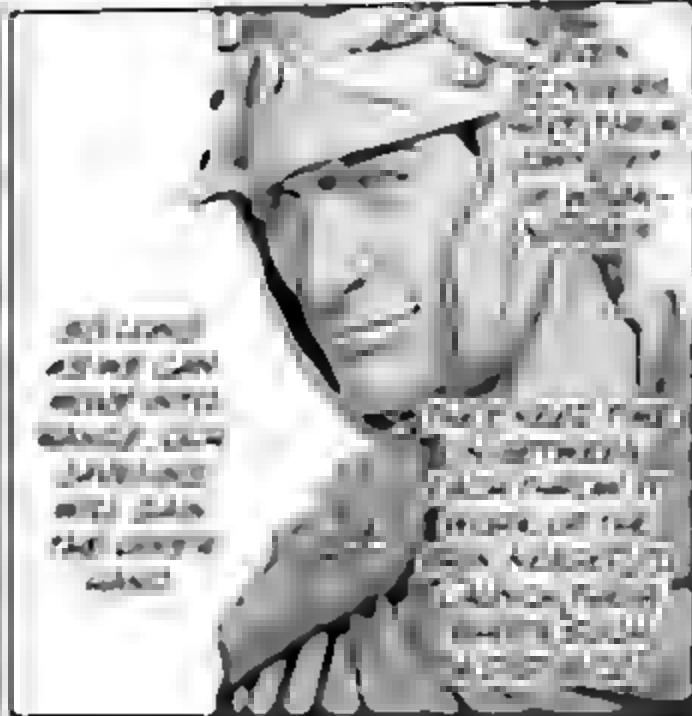




THIS BATTLE...
IS NOTHING
MORE THAN
A MARCH
STRAIGHT INTO
THE JAWS
OF DEATH.





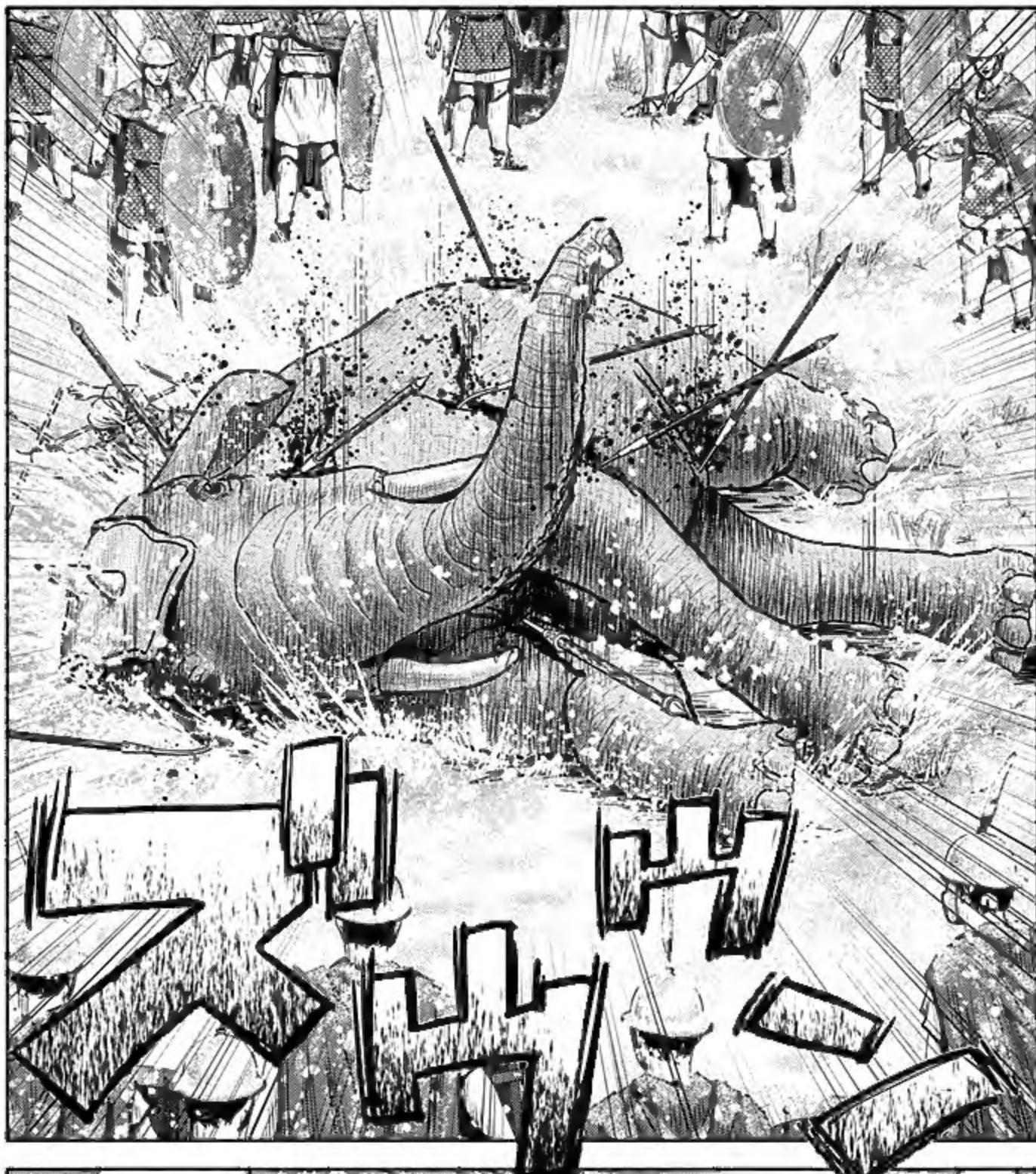


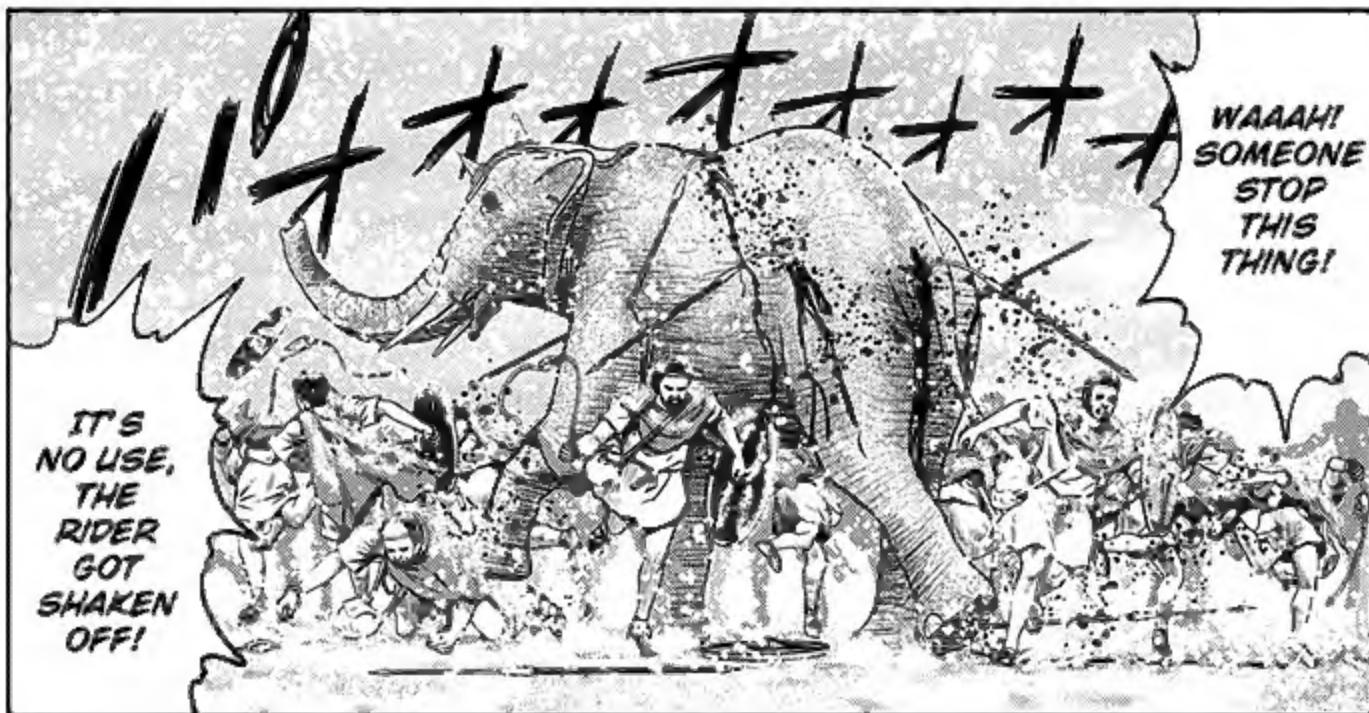


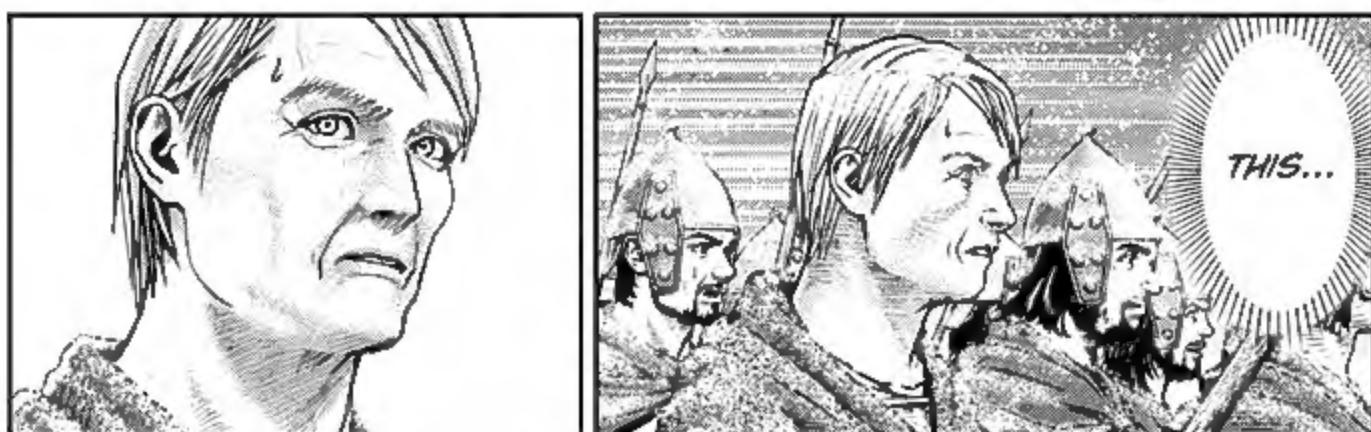












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